

## GST impact to media houses

**DIPR**  
**Imphal, Sept. 12:** Directorate of Information & Public Relations with Editors' Guild Manipur including publishers from different Media Houses based in the State today had an interaction on Goods & Services Tax (GST) related with Media at State Institute of Journalism, DIPR Complex, Moirangkhom. Speaking on the interaction programme, Superintendent, Department of Taxes, Government of Manipur, Shri Y. Indrakumar lectured particularly on the impact of GST to Media, both print and electronic. He said that with the implementation of GST on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017, all newspaper establishments and cable operators in Manipur should register with GST. If not, the department can impose penalty to them. He also explained on how to take benefits of Input Tax Credit (ITC). He further said under GST, a registered media firm has to file GST returns.

## Chandel Protest

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** Naga Chief Association, Chandel along with Block Chiefs and Area Chiefs of Chandel district, in a meeting held yesterday has resolved to stage protest on Septemr 11 at Chandel district head quarter over failure to clear pending wages for the MG-NREGS 2016-17 (1 Phase).

## Skylark Music

**IT News**  
**Kakching Sept 12:** Skylark Music Band Kakching observes 9<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day at the auditorium of Library and Information Centre Kakching. On the occasion Grand Finale of Thoubal District Level 2nd Open Patriotic Song Competition 2017 was also held.

## Needs joint effort by the people and the state government to develop the state: CM

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** Chief Minister N Biren has expressed the needs of joint efforts by the people of the state and the government to take the state forward to develop in every field. Speaking at the reception programme organised by the Chief Minister and his council of minister by the autonomous district council at Lamka Ground, Churachandpur District, N Biren, Chief Minister of Manipur said that Bihang in Churachandpur District will be the second gate way under the act-east policy. A sum of Rs 30 crore for detail project report has been prepared for the construction of the road for the second gateway, he added. N Biren also said that peace have been return in the state and the people of the state and the government need to work collectively to take the state forward for development in every field. Drawing the attention of Chief Minister, V Hangkhanlian,



Agriculture, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry expressed the needs for repairing the road ways of the district and availability of health care facilities to the people. V Hangkhanlian also uttered the need for medical college and a university in the district. A memorandum was submitted by Khaipao Haokip, Chairman of Autonomous District Council, Churachandpur to Chief Minister N Biren during the reception programme demanding setting up of B.Ed College, Medical College including provision for clean and safety water for drinking in the Churachandpur District. Traditional dance, music and cultural items by various communities where the main highlight of the occasion with the presentation of tradition shawl to Chief Minister. Minister, MLAs', Police and Civil officials were also facilitated in the occasion. Students and representatives of various civil society organisations also took part in the occasion.

## NSCN-IM ambush PLA cadres at Indo-Myanmar border; 'K' attacks AR camp at Nagaland

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** A bloody gun-battle took place between two rebel group operating in the region at around 5.30 today at Makan Village in Kamjong district along the Indo-Myanmar border. Report reaching here said that the gun battle took place after a convoy of NSCN-IM, currently ensuing in peace talk with the government of India ambush a group of rebel group at Makan Village. A source said that the rebel cadres belong to rebel group PLA. At least five were reported killed. The source further added that the NSCN-IM cadres recovered 4 arms from the slain cadres. The location where the gun-fight took place is reported to be near Border Pillar No. 8 inbetween India and Myanmar. The jurisdiction comes under Kasaom Khullul Police station. At round noon police team rush to the spot but till the filing of this story (3.30 pm) the police team were on the way. Details could not be get as there is no cell phone

connectivity at the site. Meanwhile, cadres of NSCN-K attacked 15 AR Check post at Pangsua, Tuensang dist, Nagaland using sophisticated weapons. The AR troopers too retaliated and the encounter lasted for around

15 minutes. Report said that at least 4 Riflemen sustain bullet injury in the attacked. As more SF re-enforced the NSCN-K cadres fled the area. Security Forces are conducted search operation at the area.

## Manipur Police announce cash award for wanted tag

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** Manipur Police Department today has announced a cash reward of Rs 50000 to anyone who can provide any information leading to whereabouts of one Ashin alias Kashin alias Kashinba (50 yrs) son of (Late) Mangainba alias Aadaiba of Nungtek, Karvangmuang village Part-II of Noney. In a press release by the PRO Manipur Police Department stated that any information regarding the whereabouts of the accused may be given to Senapati SP (9436821749), Additional SP Senapati (9862741784), Se-napati SDPO (8729842498) and Senapati

police station OC (9612509638). The press release stated that the identity of the informer will be kept confidential and any individual found harbouring or sheltering or associating in any way with the accused will be liable for prosecution. An FIR case at Senapati women police station has also been registered.



## 16 candidates are in the fray for Kakching Zilla Parishad seat

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** With just month to go, candidates contesting for the Zilla Parishad, Pradhan and members are gearing up election campaign at their respective areas. A total of 16 candidates are in the fray for 6 Zilla Parishad seats in Kakching district. For the 15 Gram Panchayat seat a total of 41 candidates are contesting for the respective seats. For the 168 members seat 64 have been declared uncontested while 212 candidates will fight for the 104 seat. Poll date is scheduled on October 7. SDO Kakching and SDO

Waikhong will be the returning area for their respective jurisdictions and the overall charge will be looked after by the Kakching DC. Under Kakching SDO/RO there are 3 Zilla Parishad Constituencies. 8 candidates are in the fray for the three seats. For the 7 gram Panchayat seat 22 are contesting. For the 78 ward members, 35 are declared uncontested remaining will contest. Under Kakching RO total voters is 30,863 of which 14911 are male and 15,952 are female voters. Voting will be conducted at 79 polling stations. Under Waikhong SDO/RO 8 candidates are contesting for

the 3 seats and 19 candidates are in the fray for the 8 Gram Panchayat. There are 90 ward members seats of this 29 seats have been declared uncontested. 120 candidates are contesting in the remaining seat. Total voters under Waikhong SDO/RO is 38,307 of which 16,946 are male and 17,361 are female voters. Voting will be conducted at 90 polling stations. DC Kaching assured free and fair poll and appealed the voters to restrain violence. Security measures have also been beefed up to foil any attempt to sabotage the election, the DC said.

## HSEC organises blood donation camp

**IT News**  
**Imphal, Sept. 12:** Under the aegis State Blood Cell, NHM, Manipur today Human Skill Empowerment Center (HSEC), Manipur in association with Department of Transfusion Medicines, RIMS has organised a voluntary blood donation camp at the premise of the Transfusion Medicines, RIMS. Wahengbam Rorrkychand, Center Head of HSEC said that the camp was conducted in order to instil the sense of a responsible citizen among the trainees of the institute. The skill development center-HSEC is committed to impart life skills to the youths of



Manipur and enable them to contribute for the betterment of the society. Conducting such camps would be beneficial to successful trainees of HSEC, who have undergone 3-months skill development training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal

Vikash Yojana. He also said that the skill development center would organise blood donation on regular basis for the trainees of HSEC. Around 20 volunteers from HSEC donated blood at the camp

## New government comes, promises made, but conditions of remote villages still remain the same

**Laishram Ranbir**  
**Imphal, Sept 12:** With the BJP-led coalition government already completed 100 days with various developmental projects being taken up as compare with the past government has been quite an eye-opener for the state but when we look at our villages in the 21st century, our heads hang in shame. If writings on development issues of the rural and marginalized communities are to be believed, we have every reason to believe that the remote villages of our country are deprived of all the basic facilities. The situation of the villages lying on the borders of the country is perhaps the worst of all. "Election do come and go, candidate's visits to vote votes but once elected never look back to their people and it has been more than 20 years that my village have not witness a single electric

power though the village have a unrepared broken transformer" said Village Chief of Pushing village. Pushing/Chingshou Village, a near border village of Ukhrul District in Manipur is one such village. Pushing/Chingshou Village has around 200 houses with a population of about 1000 people. Everybody here faces one problem or the other like dilapidated roads, unavailability of electricity and absence of educational institutions. Proper roads, electricity and water supply are the lifeline of any village and town in the state but Pushing/Chingshou Village has neither proper roads nor electricity. From these arise several problems of livelihood. In the absence of roads, these villages are disconnected from the rest of the state. The situation gets worse when a natural disaster strikes.



"In case of electricity, the power transmitter which still remains unrepared, it is very unfortunate to share that none of the concern department bother to fix it for the last 20 years. When the villagers shout for help, the concerns reply that opposite and even order the villagers to bring the transmitter to the nearby electricity department which is miles far away from the village." Are the department's workers only stations and posted at the hill district to earn for free while there duty is to serve the needs? "Our only means of electricity is the rechargeable solar lamp and solar plate that we personally bought from the market. We are tired of travelling miles to inquired about repairing the broken power transmitter which numerous times went in vain as they are made to wait for long days and that too they weren't able to meet the concern person", said Village Chief.

Since the BJP-led coalition government came into power in the state, Chief Minister Shri N. Biren Singh did mention his approach will be humanity approach to regain the lost trust among people of different communities living in the State and his slogan to bridge the gap between hill and valley is "Go to Hill" and whatever the diversities among different ethnic communities in the State we are one. Will it be wrong to state that "Go to Hill" policy does not cover the villages settle near the border area of the State? "If the broken transmitter can be repair at the earliest the villagers can have the electric facilities which they long for." Mention may be that thought the village was electrified by a micro hydel project of 5 KW was installed by MANIREDA in the year 2014, it couldn't meet the power needed by the villagers and again the village

was plunged into darkness. In case of health care, a Primary Health Care is set up in the village but no doctor neither nurse is available to look after the villagers. "During emergencies, the villagers had to travel several kilometers away from the village for treatment crossing strenuous paths of hills and forests to reach hospitals located in the district. Many have lost their lives o the way before they could be treated", said Village Chief. Similar is the case of education. Parents do not send their children to school as with the meager income that they earn they could only provide one thing: food or an education. Most of the generation has dropped out of school after class 5 though many were able to continue their study by staying far from the villages, even in other state for further studies. For many years, head of the

village and representatives had done their best to bring enough substitute electricity and proper road system but till that all went in vain. Pushing/Chingshou Village is rich in culture and high on patience, bears the brunt of electricity shortage and its people are bound to live life in the dark. This is the reason why one is bound to say that "we have complaints even in this age." Pushing/Chingshou is a village located About 60 km south east of Ukhrul in Ukhrul District, Manipur and about 125 km from Imphal. Locally, the inhabitants speak Pushing tui which belongs to the Tibeto-Burman language family. The village is home to people of Tangkhul Naga tribe. Majority of the inhabitants are Christians. Agriculture is the primary occupation of the inhabitants. The village is well known in the district for its scenic natural beauty.